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HOTEL AUSTIN CHANGED TO ASHLAND HOTEL

DINING ROOM TO OPEN LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK; FRENCH CHEF

NEW PROPRIETOR TAKES POSSESSION

NEW HOTEL MAN HAS GREAT FAITH IN CITY'S FUTURE; PLANS IMPROVEMENTS

The Hotel Austin was taken possession of today by T. J. Coffman, new arrival from Portland and former hotel man of Indianapolis, Ind., who will conduct the property under the new name of the Ashland hotel. Mr. Coffman arrived in Ashland with Mrs. Coffman and son "Bobby" Saturday evening, after a motor trip from Portland where Mr. Coffman is well known in hotel circles. Contrary to previous reports the new proprietor is "playing a lone hand," and does not represent the interests of Portland hotel men. He takes over the hotel today in celebration of his birthday. He states that he was reminded this morning by Mrs. Coffman that he had a good-sized birthday present. The lease and furniture of the hotel property was purchased a short time ago by Mr. Coffman from D. Peruzzi, Mrs. Minnie Parker and Camilla Owen, who had taken possession of the hotel several weeks ago following default of payments from the Ashland Development corporation who were at that time operating the hotel.

Many Improvements

In preparation for the new management and pursuant to plans of Mr. Coffman, D. Peruzzi has been making improvements throughout the property which enables Ashland to boast of a hotel affording first class accommodations under the management of Mr. Coffman, who is an experienced hotel man and is familiar with the methods of the best hotels on the Pacific coast. He is a young man and is out to "make a go of the proposition."

Will Open Dining Room

"With the opening of the dining room," Mr. Coffman states, "we will be prepared to give the people of Ashland and stopping motorists who would otherwise pass on, a meal that will be an advertisement for the hotel and Ashland. I am now making changes in the furnishings of several of the rooms throughout the building and it is my aim to give service that will be second to none of the hotels throughout the state. I am anticipating loyal support from the merchants and residents of Ashland to make the hotel a big success and as things develop, continually improve the property with an eye for greater business."

Well Pleased with Ashland

As salesmanager for a large soft drinks bottling house, Mr. Coffman first visited the city. "I was attracted," Mr. Coffman states, "by the great beauty of the city and the surrounding country. At the time I realized the need of a first class and strictly modern hotel. On a recent tour of Southern Oregon by auto with Mrs. Coffman and my son, Bobby, I learned that the property was for sale. I had previously talked to hotel men between here and Portland. In all such cases this city has been recommended as the logical place for a good hotel, owing to the great amount of tourist travel through Ashland. Consequently I opened negotiations with Mr. Peruzzi the early part of this month, and here I am, ready for business."

The new dining room to be opened the last of this week will fill a long felt want on the part of Ashland people, as well as the large number of tourists who pass through the city daily. In an interview with Mr. Coffman today, the Tidings was asked to correct a statement made in the issue of July 28 to the effect that the dining room would be operated as a cafeteria. It will be operated as a first class dining room. Mr. Coffman has engaged the services of P. Vasseau, a highly competent French chef with wide experience, and it is the intention to make the cuisine of the Hotel Ashland the best in the state.

IT'S A BEAR! BUT ASHLAND CAMPERS ROUT THE ENEMY

When a "big brown bear presents himself at a camper's breakfast for his morning repast without sending his card in advance, good form, as applied in the "best circles," isn't being followed, according to Hoyle, states Frank R. Neil, who has just returned from a camping trip with Hay Jollison and Verne Carey at Battle creek.

As the story goes, it seems that last Sunday morning, at a time when the sun prepares a rosy welcome to all early risers, the three campers were gathered around their "bacon and," preparatory for a fishing expedition when the bear did a sidleslip into camp. He advanced in a clumsy, rolling manner, but with a directness that left no doubt as to his intention of taking breakfast by storm, fair means or foul. As is usual in a bear story, the campers had their guns hid in some far corner of the camp. Did the Ashland fishermen retreat? They did not! With sticks, stones and other instruments of warfare that nature supplied, the campers made the bear "about face" and saved the day. Anyway they brought home the bacon.

FRED W. HERRIN IS ELECTED HEAD OF WOOL GROWERS

Fred W. Herrin, well known sheep raiser and wool grower of this city, was elected president of the Oregon Wool and Mohair Growers Cooperative association at a recent meeting held in Portland. The permanent organization of the association, which represents 1700 growers of wool and mohair in the state, was effected at the meeting. The following officers were elected:

C. L. Beckley of Roseburg, vice-president, and J. B. Cornett of Shedd, secretary-treasurer. These officers and the following members compose the board of directors: J. W. Smith, Aurora; A. B. Flint, Beaverton; G. H. Thompson, Silverton; O. P. Kizer, Albany; W. W. Poland, Harleburg; C. Buchanan, Corvallis; C. J. Hurd, bureau of markets, Oregon Agricultural college; J. R. Coleman, Coburg; R. Roy Booth, Yoncalla; Scott Henry, Oakland, and W. F. DeFord, Central Point.

R. A. Ward, who has been active in the organization work of the association, was chosen general manager. Mr. Ward announced that 225,000 sheep in the state were represented by the members of the association, and he said contracts already had been made with members for the sale of 2,000,000 pounds of Oregon wool for the next five years through the association. He said the association had 1,000,000 pounds of wool at the Western Wool warehouse at St. Johns, which was being graded and put into shape for selling direct to the factories.

At the meeting the directors opposed the 35 per cent ad valorem feature of the new tariff schedule on wool, now before the senate finance committee. Action also was taken in favor of the French-Caypen truth-in-fabric bill.

MEDFORD WOMAN KILLED, AUTOMOBILE WRECK IDENTIFIED

MEDFORD, Or., July 30.—Mrs. William Matthews, killed Thursday in an auto wreck at Pasco, Wash., has been identified here by a special dispatch from Pasco stating that Mrs. Williams was a former employe of the Bulls and Swels cannery of this city, and came here from Butte Falls. The reason the Matthews name did not appear in the Medford directory, was due to the fact that while here they lived in their Ford car, going away in the winter, and never had a permanent home here. Mr. Matthews worked for some time at a lumber mill on Butte creek, before coming to Medford, and he and Mrs. Matthews are well known in that vicinity. The Matthews lived in this vicinity about four years.

Mrs. Matthews is believed to have been about 55 years old, and her husband considerably older. It is assumed here that they were traveling in their Ford car when the accident occurred. Although Mrs. Matthews was not well acquainted in Medford, she had many friends in the vicinity of Butte Falls, and Mr. Matthews is well remembered by Messrs. Bullis and Skewitz and many business men in the city. After the cannery work stopped, Mr. Matthews worked for a time on the highway and it is believed left last winter for the north.

LARGE CROWD ENJOYS CLOSING PROGRAM MESSIAH CHORUS

The work of the "Messiah" chorus which has been rehearsing throughout the six weeks term of the summer school was brought to a fitting and successful close last evening, when before an appreciative audience they presented a program of solos and choruses from the "Messiah" and "Elijah," under the efficient direction of Prof. Leland A. Coon, of the University of Oregon, and the local summer normal school, who has been in charge of the chorus. It was quite evident that the chorus itself, as well as their auditors, was thoroughly enjoying the presentation of some of the best in oratorio music, and many are already expressing their regret that the term is so nearly over. Both the solos and the chorus were the recipients of well-merited applause.

The program, solos and chorus follow: Professor Leland A. Coon, director. Prof. Leland A. Coon, director. Miss Therese Zahnaty, soprano. Miss Florence Allen, contralto. Mr. George E. Maddox, tenor. Miss Bernice Yeo, accompanist.

PROGRAM

1. Chorus. "And the Glory of the Lord."
2. Tenor Solo, recitative. "Rejoice, Not Your Hearts." Aria. "If with All Your Hearts." From Mendelssohn's "Elijah."
3. Chorus. "And the Glory of the Lord."
4. Contralto Solo. "He Was Despised"—Miss Allen.
5. Chorus. "Behold the Lamb of God."
6. Soprano Solo. "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"—Miss Zahnaty.
7. Chorus. "Hallelujah."

MEMBERS OF CHORUS

Florence Allen, Therese Zahnaty, Dorothy Dunn, Vera Matthews, Esther Lindsey, Mrs. Anna Caris, Ruby Derrick, Gladys Derrick, Florence Dillard, Dorothy Elmore, Elizabeth Elmore, Thelma Ellestad, Mary Gurney, Mrs. Arline Farleigh, Rosie Hake, Nellie Hake, May Hedrick, Edna Kennedy, Grace Lytle, Alice Lytle, Helena Leroy, Gertrude Miksch, Kathryn Miller, Roberta Martin, Hester Moreland, Evangelina Scholey, Hazel Stephenson, Margaret Schloeman, Inez Willits, Lillian Hilty, Mrs. Emily Wing, Ruth York, Mrs. Perry Ashcraft, Mrs. R. Good-year, Ethel Kelleher, Morelle Kelleher, Estelle Jones, Jean Anderson, Mrs. Barnhill, P. C. Stratton, George Mason, Charles King, Walter Miksch, G. H. Yeo, L. T. Elmore.

INDUSTRIAL FIELD WORKER IN COUNTY; CHILDREN'S WELFARE

J. E. Calavan, industrial field worker from the state department of education, is here working with Miss Almeda J. Fuller, county child leader, in the interest of the boys' and girls' club work.

They have visited poultry and garden club members at Ashland, sewing clubs at Phoenix, Oak Grove and Jacksonville; calf club members at Gold Hill, Galls Creek and Central Point; rabbit and cooking clubs at Central Point and West Side.

Wednesday evening, Miss Florence Poole, home demonstration agent, Miss Fuller and Mr. Calavan went to Sams Valley, where Miss Poole put on a canning demonstration for the girls and mothers of that community. A short address was made by Mr. Calavan, and Miss Fuller organized a live canning club.

Mr. Calavan left for Klamath Falls Saturday morning, where he will work with county club leader, E. W. Sexton, during the following week.

LOCAL MAN AWARDED SHARPSHOOTER'S MEDAL AT CAMP LEWIS, WASH.

* OREGON AGRICULTURAL * COLLEGE, Corvallis, July 28. * E. V. Abbott, of Ashland, was * among six O. A. C. members of * R. O. T. C. infantry unit at * Camp Lewis, Wash., to be * awarded sharpshooter medals. * Five O. A. C. members of the * unit were awarded expert * marksmanship medals as a re- * sult of the marksmanship * record while in training, three * of these having won bronze * medals for having made records * among the highest in the camp. *

DRUG ADDICT SUICIDES IN LITHIA PARK

ALBERT KINGSBURY ENDS LIFE AFTER THREE DAY FIGHT WITH DRUG HABIT

FORMERLY RICH; ALMOST PENNILESS

DRINKS POISON AND DIES BEFORE AMBULANCE CAN BE RUSHED TO SCENE

Albert Kingsbury, 41, a pioneer of this city and said by police and local residents to be addicted to the use of morphine, committed suicide in Lithia park at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, by taking poison. His death came, it is stated by his brother, Bentley Kingsbury, late arrival here from Orland, Calif., as the result of a three-day struggle to do without morphine. Efforts to obtain the drug were without success, it is said. Attempts to save the dead man's life were futile. He died within about two minutes from the time of his taking the poison. It is stated by a local physician who was called at the time of the tragedy.

Contemplating Medford Trip

The brothers were contemplating a trip to Medford, according to a statement made by Bentley Kingsbury, who was engaged in driving his car out of the Park garage, but was delayed by another automobile which impeded his progress. While waiting for the second car to be moved, Albert Kingsbury, who complained of illness, decided to wait for his brother in Lithia park where he proceeded immediately to a bench on the bank of Ashland creek. It is thought that he took the poison from a small bottle, which was found on his person, while on his way to the bench from the garage. Mr. Kingsbury was dead within five minutes from the time of his leaving the garage.

Eye witnesses state that Kingsbury sat down on the bench, and that the next time he attracted attention was when he took a few steps, gasped and fell to the ground. A local physician was called, but the dead man was dead before he could be taken to the hospital.

At One Time Wealthy

Albert Kingsbury was a son of Charles B. and Cornelia L. Kingsbury, old time owners of the Kingsbury ranch eight miles east of the city. He was born February 7, 1859. He was unmarried and lived with his aged mother at 159 Laurel street. Mr. Kingsbury is said to have been wealthy at one time although prior to his suicide, it is said by his brother, Bentley, he was practically penniless. He traveled a great deal in a number of western states and was active in the following sports, it is stated.

The dead man's brother, Bentley R. Kingsbury, made the trip to Ashland from Orland, Calif., a few days ago. The body was taken to the Stock Undertaking Parlors from which place the funeral will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be made at the Ashland cemetery beside the grave of the dead man's uncle, David Allen.

NORLING MINE IS TAKEN OVER BY MEDFORD COMPANY

GOLD HILL, Or., July 29.—The Medford Mining & Milling company, a new corporation recently incorporated in this state with headquarters at Medford, has taken over the old Norling gold mine west of Jacksonville and south of Gold Hill, and will reopen and re-equip the property at once. The Norling mine was discovered and developed in 1895, and during the development the next two years was reported to have produced 120 tons of ore valued at \$6400. It was last operated in 1913 and up to that date had produced a large body of rich ore mined netting from \$50 to \$100 per ton. The present equipment on the mine consists of a five-stamp mill. The gold is chiefly in the quartz; the country rock is a dark, massive andesite rock, and the pyrite is even more abundant in the rock adjoining the vein than in the vein itself.

CITY WILL GATHER DATA ON ASHLAND WATER SUPPLY

The flow of Ashland creek at different times throughout the year will be measured for the purpose of collecting data prior to the expenditure of the \$100,000 bond issue voted by the city for the purpose of improving the water supply system and installation of a city power plant, according to action taken at a meeting of the city council yesterday evening. Following suggestions of Councilman A. C. Joy pursuant to recommendations made in a report on water supply and power possibilities pertaining to Ashland creek about six months ago by D. C. Henry, a consulting engineer of Portland, the council ordered City Engineer Walker to install three weirs for the purpose of measuring the water flow. It is expected the data obtained over a period of time will enable the city to properly cope with the water supply and power situation relevant to the contemplated improvements.

Two of the weirs will be placed up above the power plant and the third in Lithia Park, where it will be constructed in such a way that it will not be offensive to the eye. A bid of twenty cents per foot for the laying of sewer pipe for Mead street made by S. W. Clate was accepted by the council.

W. A. Patrick, Ira Shouby and W. F. Loomis were appointed as the board of viewers for the purpose of determining the benefits and damages caused by the contemplated improvement of Scenic Drive. The board will report to the city council August 9.

A requisition for \$475 was presented by Harry Hooser, water superintendent for the purpose of buying a new motor and to replace electrical equipment at Lithia Springs. The matter was referred to the water commission.

O. E. Easterling, city electrician, presented a requisition of \$1389.40 for the purchase of new electrical equipment and a carload of sixty-foot poles. The matter was referred to the finance committee to be reported upon at the next meeting. Mr. Easterling urged the need of a device used for the testing of meters which are continually being installed in greater numbers, until the city now has 182 in service and 150 on order. At the present time it is necessary to remove the meters before testing. The new device would eliminate such inconveniences.

The council will hold a special meeting Friday evening of this week for the purpose of the deciding on the kind of refunding bonds to the amount of \$50,000, that the city council has decided to issue. The plans will be taken up with City Attorney Briggs who will leave for Portland next week to take the matter up with Portland bonding houses.

POMPEORE MINERAL SPRINGS SHIPS CARLOAD OF NATURAL CARBONIC ACID GAS TODAY

Another carload of natural carbonic acid gas was shipped from Ashland today by the Pompedore Mineral Springs. Mr. Silver announced this morning. Shipments of the gas have been increasingly frequent during the last month, and it is expected that within a short time an average of a carload a day will leave the city. Mr. Silver is to be complimented upon his ability as a business promoter capable of putting the natural product on the market and adding to the city's many advertising assets.

TALENT VETERAN DIES IN ROSEBURG SOLDIERS HOME

Jesse W. Adams, aged 81, died in the soldiers home at Roseburg Friday morning, July 29, and his remains were returned today for burial in the Talent cemetery. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the Methodist church at Talent.

The deceased located in Talent about forty years ago and had lived there all the time excepting about two years when he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coleman at Medford. He went to the soldiers home a few weeks ago. He was a civil war veteran and quite prominent in G. A. R. circles. The deceased leaves a widow who lives at Salem, and the following children: Mrs. J. B. Coleman of Jacksonville; J. E. Adams of Talent, and Mrs. A. G. Briner, Chechilla, Calif.

Excavation has been started for the new Whiteside theatre at Corvallis.

SUMMER NORMAL IS SECOND TO NONE SAYS REP. SHELDON

That the present summer session of the normal school at Ashland was surely the predecessor of a "real, honest-to-goodness normal school second to none on the Pacific coast," was the reflection made by Representative Ben C. Sheldon in a speech at the morning assembly of the normal this morning. Mr. Sheldon, who has been the most consistent and untiring booster for the re-establishment of the Ashland normal, told a little of the fight that had been made in this cause, and the reasons why this fight had been against heavy odds. But that a final victory was inevitable, was his confident assertion.

Mr. Sheldon spoke of the larger problem of providing the good rural school by providing the competent teacher, which involved a variety of questions, such as normal training, better salaries, better living conditions, tenure in office and the like.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY COMPLETE TO THE CALIFORNIA LINE

The state highway commission is to be complimented for the splendid work it has been doing and is now doing in the state and especially in Jackson county. A drive over the wonderful strip of the Pacific highway from Medford to the California line, all of which is now hard surfaced excepting about 2000 feet that will be completed by August 1 to 10, will convince you of this fact as well as make you feel proud that this county, a distance of fifty-five miles, will be hard surfaced by the first of August.

The writer had the pleasure of accompanying District Engineer K. E. Hodgman over this highway last week, and although we had been over it several times it is always a delight to ride on such a well built highway with its graceful curves and easy grades, winding through the mountains and through the beautiful timber as it climbs to the summit of the Siskiyou, over 4500 feet high, where you catch the cool mountain breezes, view Mt. Shasta and other snow caps, and then drop down on the other side to the California line, where, by the way, the paved highway ends and you pick up the California dirt roads.

The last strip of highway now being completed, is at the summit, where the plant of Oskar Huber, the contractor for the Siskiyou paving, is located. The work from Ashland to the California line was done by Oskar Huber and is a credit, not only to the contractor, but to William Strahan, who is in charge, and his assistants, as well as to District Engineer Hodgman, George McVicker, local engineer, J. Drew, state inspector, L. E. King, inspector in charge, and the highway commission.

The twenty-one miles of road from Ashland to the state line has cost in round figures more than \$800,000, of which the state has paid about three-fourths and the county one-fourth. The state is now having about a mile of guard fence built on the sharp curves, is laying several miles of drain tile in the ditches along the highway, and cutting down some of the hills where slides occur, in order to get ready for the rains and to make the highway an all-the-year-round thoroughfare.

The highway between Ashland and Medford is also being repaired while the Oskar Huber plant is in operation.

FUNERAL OF MRS. FLOYD HUTCHINSON HELD WEDNESDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Grace Marie Hutchinson, 24, who died at a local hospital Tuesday, was held yesterday from the Christian church at 3 o'clock, with Rev. C. F. Koehler officiating. Burial services were held at the Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Hutchinson was well known in Ashland as Miss Grace Marie Holmes, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Holmes, 563 Rock street. She was the wife of Floyd Hutchinson, who is with the bureau of fisheries at Trail. Mrs. Hutchinson's death is deeply regretted by numbers of friends throughout the city. Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by a baby daughter, Olive Marie, two brothers, Lavil and Clarence Holmes, and a sister, Mrs. Newton Holmes.

GEORGE LANG, OF FUGITIVE TRIO, CAUGHT

WANTED BY REDDING, CALIF., SHERIFF FOR SUSANVILLE BANK HOLDUP, CHARGE

IS APPREHENDED HERE MONDAY

IS ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND SMALL SON; CLAIMS HE IS SEARCHING FOR WORK

Harry Lang, 31, wanted at Redding, Calif., on a charge of bank robbery committed in Susanville July 26, was arrested Monday evening at 9 o'clock by Night Patrolmen Roberts and Wertz at the local Ford garage following a telegram received here by Chief of Police Hatcher from the sheriff at Redding to apprehend Lang who was headed this way in a Cleveland car. He was arrested in company with his wife and small son who are now staying at a local hotel.

One of Three Accused Men

Lang is accused of being one of three "sticker" men who robbed the Lassen County industrial bank at Susanville, Calif., on the afternoon of July 26. The amount of the robbery was \$1033. Of this amount \$775.50 was recovered by the police last night. The money was found in a canvas bag in the car and contained \$98 in nickels, \$336 in one dollar bills, \$248 in two dollar bills, \$85 in five dollar bills, and two \$10 bills. Beside the money two revolvers and a shot gun were taken from the car by police. The firearms answered to descriptions sent out by Sheriff James L. Richardson of Redding, Calif.

The other men wanted in connection with the robbery are I. L. Herbets and P. McMillin, both about twenty-one years of age. Reports from the California city state that the men employed a ruse to engage the attention of the bank employes and then drew guns. The two men with Lang made their escape in a Chevrolet car, police state.

Will Admit Nothing

Although willing to talk regarding his identity, work and past residences, Lang, when asked why he is in jail, says, "I don't know what I'm in for." He claims to know nothing of the other two men. Lang states that he left Globe, Ariz., in March of this year and made his way to Redding out of which place he obtained work and lived in that city for some time prior to making the motoring trip which brought him to this city. He claims to be on his way to Portland to obtain work. The car driven by Lang has an Arizona license plate and carries a Pendleton Or. pennant. It is thought by police that the pennant was employed as a blind. In an interview with Lang this morning by a Tidings representative, the jailed man made no reference to Pendleton. Lang says that his wife's parents live in Shoshone county, Idaho. In his conversation this morning Lang indicated that he would make efforts to have his wife and child sent to the home of her parents.

When asked by Chief Hatcher this morning if he would waive extradition to California, Lang showed a disposition to hedge in answering the question until he could ascertain how his wife and child would be taken care of. However, there seems to be no question but that he will submit to the California warrant on the arrival of Sheriff Richardson who is expected here late this afternoon.

REFORESTATION OF 2,000,000 ACRES YEARLY IS PLAN OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PORTLAND, Or., July 29.—Reforestation through the planting of young trees at the average rate of 2,000,000 acres yearly during the next seventy-five years is the basis of the drive fostered by the forestry committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce to rehabilitate the nation's deforested areas. It was announced during a meeting here today.